

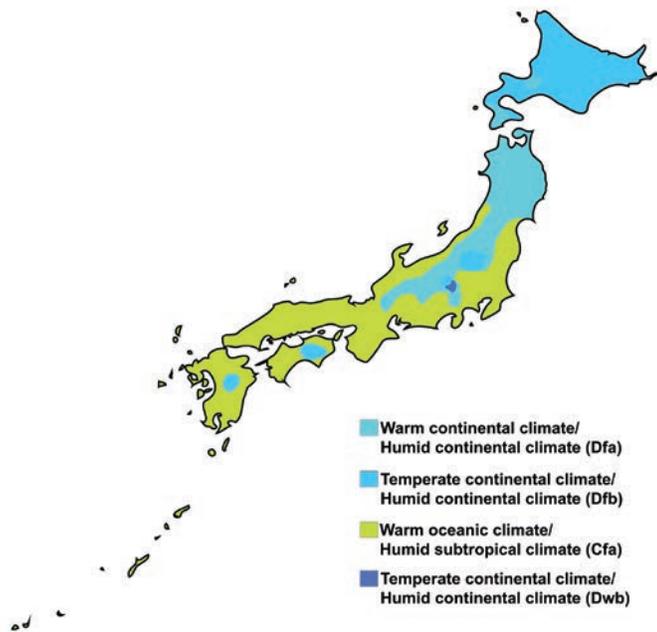
# STUDENT PAGE

## Opening Lesson: Our Home

### KUMAMOTO PREFECTURE

About 5,748 miles (9,251 km) away from the USA is the country of Japan. Japan is divided into 8 regions and 47 prefectures, or states. Kumamoto Prefecture, in the region of Kyushu, is Montana's sister-state. This means that our two states work together to promote the exchange of culture, education and trade between one another. Over the next few class periods, you will explore the landscapes and starscapes of Kumamoto and Montana through science and learn to understand your home and your world.

Japan map of Köppen climate classification



Outline of Kumamoto and flag



**POPULATION:** 1.822 million  
**SIZE:** 2,859 square miles, or 7,405 square kilometers

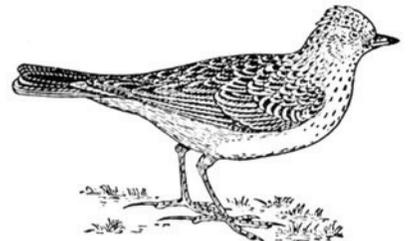
#### STATE SYMBOLS



*Camphor tree*



*Japanese Gentian*



*Eurasian Skylark*

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